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SUBJECT: CANBERRA VISIT OF ADMINISTRATOR ZARB

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1. APPRECIATE PROMPT EFFORTS OF EMBASSY IN MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ZARB VISIT.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS REFTEL:

(A) ZARB PREPARED TO DISCUSS GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
ISSUES BUT PREFERS TO CONCENTRATE ON EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
US/AUSTRALIAN ENERGY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. MALIN, HOW-
EVER, AS FEA REPRESENTATIVE TO IEA GOVERNING BOARD, WILL
BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IEA MATTERS WITH DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS.

(B) ZARB WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK INFORMALLY BEFORE
PRESS CLUB OR SIMILAR GROUP IF SUCH ENGAGEMENT WERE NOT
INTERPRETED AS PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND WOULD NOT
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REPEAT NOT INTERFERE WITH ARRANGEMENT OF MEETINGS WITH

SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ENERGY OFFICIALS. ZARB WILL WANT TO BE ADVISED OF LOCALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES BEFORE MEETING WITH PRESS.

(C) ZARB WOULD VALUE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH AMERICAN COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES THEIR VIEWS ON AUSTRALIAN AND US ENERGY POLICIES AS HE HAS FOUND THIS VEHICLE USEFUL ELSEWHERE. DISCUSSION WOULD BE INFORMAL WITH INITIAL PRESENTATION COVERING US ENERGY POLICY BY ZARB FOLLOWED BY AMPLE TIME FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. HABIB

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